

AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday August 13, 2009

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to report that our students are studying well in class and are making significant progress in their reading, writing and mathematics. This week I wish to acknowledge the wonderful learning that is happening in our Prep classes. Both Jess and Tara are working well to develop reading skills in our youngest students and are implementing rich problem solving activities which allow students to develop mathematical thinking.

Support Staff - our quiet achievers...

On behalf of the students, parents and teachers, I would like to acknowledge and thank the support staff who work quietly and effectively in a range of ways to ensure the school runs smoothly and that students with additional needs are supported. Maria and Ros manage the business aspects of the school, Pam ensures that students attendance and actual time at school is tracked accurately; Bruna, Jenny, Mary, Narelle, Sue and Rachel provide individual and small group support to students in class; Liz maintains the library stock, Wendy provides multicultural support and Tony ensures the school is kept in a safe condition. Thank you for your dedication and fantastic work.

Stranger Danger...

I received a memorandum from the Western Metropolitan Regional Office that told of a distressing incident where a man in his twenties, assaulted a young boy. The man is described as in his 20's, having dark hair with a long fringe covering one of his eyes. He was wearing a red and black chequered top with tracksuit pants and driving a sporty red car with a black roof.

Fortunately the boy reacted loudly and strongly, which scared his attacker away. This attack did not occur in Avondale Heights but we do well to ensure that children have a very clear idea of what to do should this ever happen to them. I have instructed teachers to revisit stranger awareness and advise parents to reinforce this message with the whole family.

Footy Day: Wednesday 26th August...

Plans are now well in place for another wonderful Footy Day this year. Children are encouraged to dress in their favourite team's colours. Wearing a soccer jumper is absolutely fine. The aim is to give students an enjoyable and memorable day learning skills used in many sports.

There will be the annual Year 6 marking competition and the parent kick-off. Family members are most welcome to attend the day, pies can be ordered through the Office up to Friday 21st August.

There will be only 12 raffle prizes but these will all have a value well over \$50 up to \$300. Many thanks are extended to families who are coming back for more books to sell.

Swimming Program...

John Cleary, our PE teacher has organised a great swimming program for junior students. They travel to the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre daily for small group lessons based upon their swimming ability. The professional instructors give intensive 45 minute lessons. "I like back-stroke and putting my head under water" said Adrian, a Year One student.

Book Week Parade – Friday 28th August...

Last year our staff became very involved with the Book Week Parade, pictured are Rachel and Narelle in their Princess Fiona outfits from Shrek. I hope students will enjoy this year's parade which will be held 9am, Friday 28th August.

Have a great week.



DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

August

Mon 10th—Fri 21st	Junior Swimming Program
Monday 17th	Premiers Reading Challenge Closes; 7pm Finance Committee; 7.30pm School Council
Wednesday 19th	Australian Schools Competition—Maths test
Wednesday 26h	Footy Day
Friday 28th	Book Parade
Monday 31st	Father's Day Stall

September

Wed 2nd-Fri 4th	5/6 Phillip Island Camp
Friday 4th	Fathers Day Breakfast—Prep /Ones
Wednesday 9th	Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Mon 14th-Wed 16th	3/4 Lady Northcote Bacchus Marsh Camp
Friday 18th	Last day Term 3 - 2:15pm finish for students

November

Thursday 26th	School Concert
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You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

Rebel Sport Fundraiser

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Sovereign Hill are offering specials to families;

Offer 1: 2 Children enter FREE with every full price adult ticket purchased. (*For the month of August*)

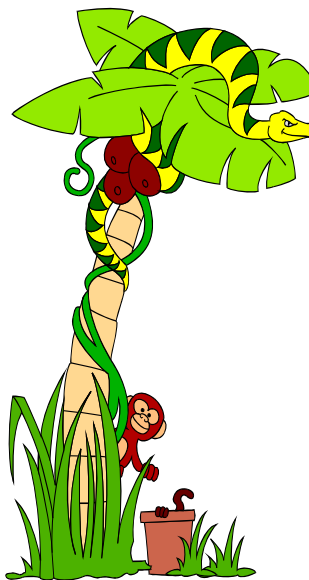
Offer 2: 1 Adult enters FREE with every full price adult ticket purchased. (*For the month of August*)

10% discount on entry to Sovereign Hill and "Blood on the Southern Cross" (offer valid until 30/11/09)

To take up these offers please call at the school office for a voucher.

Advertisements

The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.



Avondale Primary School will be celebrating 'Children's Book Week' this year with a few special events. The theme for Children's Book Week is '**Book Safari**'

There will be a thematic display in the library with all the award winning, and short listed children's books on display.

Special events:

Mon. 24th to Fri. 28th Aug.

A Book fair will be held in the library where children will be able to browse and buy a selection of scholastic books. From 8.30-3.30, Monday to Friday

Friday 28th Aug.

'**Dress as a Book Character**' for the day. The 'Book Character' parade will be held in the morning at 9am. **Prizes** will be **awarded** to one character at each grade level. Parents are encouraged to attend.

All children and teachers are encouraged to come in costume and have a great day.